

---

**Technology, Energy &  
Communications Committee**

---

**HB 1301**

**Brief Description:** Increasing the department of ecology's ability to aid the development of air quality projects.

**Sponsors:** Representatives B. Sullivan, Haler, Hudgins, Blake, Chase and Kenney.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Department of Ecology to develop a mobile learning vehicle to educate students on energy issues.

**Hearing Date:** 1/30/07

**Staff:** Kara Durbin (786-7133).

**Background:**

Many not-for-profit and state-sponsored organizations provide educational opportunities outside the classroom for students to learn about math and science in an interactive, hands-on environment. The Pacific Science Center, for example, provides a "Science on Wheels" program to elementary and middle-school children, which delivers an interactive curriculum on a variety of science topics.

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is responsible for managing and developing the state's air and water resources. In addition to providing a regulatory function for the state, the DOE provides environmental education programs.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Department of Ecology shall fund a demonstration project in conjunction with a science museum that currently has an existing program designed to deliver science education to children through a mobile learning vehicle. The demonstration project must enhance the existing program so as to provide traveling exhibits that will educate students about the connection between energy

---

*This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.*

generation and clean air, the impact different sources of energy have on clean air and the environment, and the scientific properties and different uses of energy.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 26, 2007.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.